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The Two Chicago Conventions.

Contrasts are running. The republican convention has been frigid; the bull moose convention torrid. The one body has droned and moped over its busi ness; the other has been all alive from the start. Ergo, the only "pep" is in the bull moosers, and without "pep" the campaign cannot be won. So have con tended the bull moosers.

Let it be admitted that the two con ventions have been very unlike. But to appreciate the meaning of the fact it is necessary to look into circum stances and conditions.

When the republicans assembled they had a problem to solve which did not incite to hullabaloo. A field of good candidates faced them. The best choice possible was necessary. A platform to express the party's best aspirations must be written; and important issues erowded forward for recognition. Here was work for the head and not for the lungs. Sober order and reflection were imperative. Mere noise would be an ob-

The bull moosers assembled with but one man in mind and their platform already prepared. Deliberation was not on their card. Hullabaloo was. Their leader inspired it. He had trained them in the employment of excitement. Naturally, therefore, they proceeded at once by the means upon which they were relying. They began with a shout. Everything was proposed with a shout, everything adopted at the top of the voice. They seemed to fear that if they deliberated they would be lost. Hence the ear-splitting commotion and the surgings of the assembly.

What is called "pep" is necessary and has great uses in a campaign. The rank and file must be stirred. Spellbinders must have texts with which to get out the vote. But that is the time for excitement. Everything in order, and in

Excitement, however, even in the midst of a campaign, needs careful preparation and appraisement. Otherwise, those who produce and employ it may be misled by it. Such was the case in 1896. Mr. Bryan had the best of that campaign so far as "pep" was concerned. His crowds were enormous in size, and enthusiastic almost beyond precedent. The opposition had hours of deep anxiety; he, hours of uncontrollable confidence and elation.

But "pep" did not win. Those who had made less noise and had deliberthat of sober reflection over hullabaloo

The weather prophets who for months went on record as to the probable climate during the Chicago convention are among those who suffered disappoint-

Lack of enthusiastic demonstration when a convention assembles does not necessarily mean lack of profound mental agitation

The home supply is sufficient to prevent need of this country's going abroad for anything in the ultimatum

The relief expedition is usually a more important enterprise than the original exploration.

Russia's Westward March.

It is reported from Petrograd that in five days' fighting in Volhynia the Rus sians have regained 3,000 square miles of territory which cost the Germans and Austrians weeks to conquer and have captured altogether more than 66,000 prisoners. Moreover, the movement is still in progress with apparently increas ing momentum owing to the steady weak ening of the forces in resistance. That Germany has sent troops, perhaps quite recently, to reinforce the Austrian lines is indicated by the fact that among the prisoners taken in the latest advance are many German troops. This occurred in the Pripet marsh region west of Pinsk, which is nearest the German east-

ern headquarters. The Russian strategy is obvious. The design is to drive toward Lemberg in an effort to pierce the Austrian center thereby foreing a retreat on both flanks. If the Russians succeed in ac- the campaign. tually getting through the Austrian lines southwest of Lutsk they will have accomplished what Germany has been endeavoring to do in France at Verdun.

This renewed offensive is illustrative of the peculiar quality of the Russian soldier. At the outset of the war it was predicted by many that Russia would be name, and without Mr. Murphy's aid in the dominating factor in the campaign, New York no hope of carrying the Emfor it was realized by those acquainted pire state could be entertained. with European conditions that Russia could not only take a tremendous amount of beating, but had the men to persist in the face of defeat and continually renew attacks. In the Japanese and the difficulties of transportation phy have never disobeyed. That either over the trans-Siberian railway. In the grieved unduly on the occasions when

present war it is believed that while Mr. Bryan was defeated is not of rec graft has prevailed somewhat there is a nuch better administration and the transport problem is by no means so difficult. The lack of munitions at one aster and caused the loss of an immense

area and doubtless of a large fraction performances. Delegates Sullivan and of the organized fighting force. That lack, however, has been now supplied, and, judging from the results scored during the past week, if the supply is continuous, Russia is in a position to make a most formidable impression upon the Teutonic lines.

Austria is not in a position to lose heavily in any front, and the losses in Volhynia, which London estimates at 200,000 in the course of a few days, cannot fail to have a most disastrous ef-

feet. The attack on the Italian front, Hall. successful for some days and carrying the fighting over the frontier into Italian territory, has apparently reached its limar and Italy is now holding its own here. Any material weakening of the line on the south to reinforce the line on the east is likely to result in an Italian ounter attack which may destroy all the gains of the recent offensive.

Unreasonable Kickers.

This is from St. Louis: "The democratic national committee an unhappy organization, judging by the two dozen members here preparing or next week's convention.

"The committee is distressed over the former Gov. Glynn of New York tem porary chairman and Senator James of Kentucky permanent chair

nan of the convention "It is even more distressed at the ac-tion it fears he may take regarding the chairmanship of the national commit-tee itself.

"Their objection is to the fact that the committee was not consulted. "They had to depend on the news-papers for the news, they say, and they

'How can they do the inside of the democratic organization if they aren't to do it on the inside?"

Well, what would these gentlemen? If Mr. Wilson is "the whole thing," did they not help make him so? Was ever before so much put up to a man in the White House as has been put up to Mr. Wilson in the past three years? Have not democratic senators, representa tives, governors of states, organization eaders, and others, trooped to him and asked his advice and accepted his decisions about legislation, patronage, and party matters in general? If he is an autocrat, to whom does he owe his rown but to men who profess and call themselves democrats?

And then, as respects the St. Louis convention. Mr. Wilson has as yet taken no step but what is fairly associable with his party's welfare. New York-that is Tammany-is necessary to democratic success, and he has picked a man for temporary chairman acceptable to Tammany. Kentucky, as was shown last November, will have to be fought for vigorously, and he has picked Senator James for permanent chairman. He has read Gov. Glynn's speech, and approved it, and when it is ready he will read Mr.

James' speech. All regular and natural. The party must have a platform, and who so well prepared as Mr. Wilson to draft it? He is a blue-ribbon phrase maker, and he is the issue. He is the man above all others for that task.

But if Mr. Wilson has himself in mind particularly in all this business is he not justified? Although the leader of his party, he has more at stake than his party. If the democracy is beaten this year, it will survive. Under another leader it will pick its flint and try again. We shall see it in the field in

1920 striving to get back. Not so with Mr. Wilson. If defea comes in November, finis will be written for him. At his time of life, and in the circumstances, he will not be able to come back. School again, or scholarly leisure, will claim him for the remain der of his days. So why should he no consider his own interests along with his party's in everything he is now doing, or may do between now and election

As an evidence that he did not con sider himself greater than any party, T. R. did not insist that anybody who wanted to see him would have to go to

If its affairs are to go on with per fect smoothness, a convention must not try to manage more than one steam roller at a time.

A delegate to a national convention must learn the lesson of patience and

ican course of study at present. Neighbors at St. Louis.

forbearance which is a part of the Amer-

Taken from a St. Louis dispatch. "Headquarters for the Sullivan boom for the vice presidential nomination will be opened Friday in the Bismarck building, across the street from Hotel Jefferson. New York state committee headquarters will also be opened in the same building. Both are on the ground floor. Only a saloon separates them."

Why "separates them"? Why not connects them? Still, there is no use trying to make merry at the expense of either. Both will take an important part in the convention, and, later, in

By both is meant, of course, Mr. Sul livan and Mr. Murphy. Each is It at home in democratic circles. Mr. Wilson will need the services of both, and re. | thin' he don' notice when he's doin' it to ceive them. Without Mr. Sullivan's aid pass away a holiday." in Illinois there would be no Wilson campaign in that state worthy the

These two men have never been able to get along with Mr. Bryan. Both have supported him in his campaigns for the presidency, but only for regularity's war Russia suffered under two serious which puts regularity above all else. handicaps, administrative graft, which When the party speaks, the party must resulted in a lack of reliable supplies, be obeyed. Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Mur-

Today they have Mr. Bryan on the hip. At the convention, while they will be seated among the mighty and helpstage precipitated a great Russian dis- ing to make history, he will be seated among the observers recording their Murphy will not be at the mercy of Re-

porter Bryan. Mr. Murphy will enjoy one distinction over Mr. Sullivan. When the keynote is sounded he will be able to reflect, and enjoy the reflection, that the selection of the keynoter was, in a way, a compliment to him. The importance of New York was considered, and his, Murphy's, importance conceded. Hence the choice of a New Yorker, acceptable to him and connecting in that way with Tammany

Mr. Sullivan's vice presidential boom is harmless. It is not disturbing the Marshall boom, which connects with the Wilson boom. Why the Sullivan boom is anybody's guess. One guess is that it will shade into a Sullivan senatorial boom later-will be certain to do so, it is thought, if Thomas Taggart across the line in Indiana wins his fight. They are politicians of a feather, and Mr. Sullivan will want to flock with Mr. Taggart if the latter is chosen to succeed himself in the Senate. All of which is of interest to Senator Lewis

The Schools and the Parade. Yesterday the board of education visely and patriotically decided to close the public schools of the District next Wednesday to give the children fullest opportunity to participate in or to watch Washington's preparedness parade. It also voted to allow the High School Cadets to march in the parade if the parents of the boys do not object. This is an eminently fitting action. National defense is for the sake of the rising generation rather than the present. Every measure of preparedness adopted low makes for the security of the nation in the future. While the prayer of the people of this country is that a foreign enemy may never wage war upon the United States, it is generally felt that such a war, if it ever comes, will be a matter of some years hence. In any case, children of today should be brought to realize the duty that every American owes to his country to be prepared for sacrifices if need be and the right of every American to be safeguarded against disaster by the most adequate measures of defense that can be pro-

It has been often said that the civil war was fought by boys. The average age of the participants on both sides was low. In all likelihood, if war should come to this country, the national ranks would be recruited largely from the young men, and the school children of today are likely to be the soldiers of that time. Preparedness, as signified by these parades now being held in American cities, does not mean militarism in the European sense, but it does mean readiness and efficiency, and the drill which the cadets of the high schools of this city are given is precisely the kind to make for that efficiency and that readiness. The participation of the cadets in the line will be a marked illustration of the capacity of the American youth for the discharge of serious duties in emergencies.

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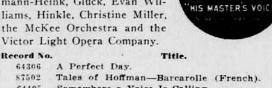
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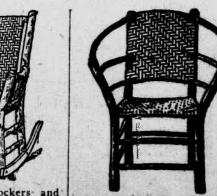
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